citizenship would be considered by the Government of India in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

(c) and (d) As per available information, 311 citizens of Pakistan, most of who are aged 55 years or above, are staying in Kerala. The application of each such individual, as and when received, would be considered on merits and in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Show-cause notice to NGOs

3435. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have been given show cause notices to twenty five NGOs which are going foreign aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what actions are being taken against such NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Thirteen NGOs covered under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 were asked, *inter-alia,* to show cause why they should not be brought under section 5(1) of the said Act and required to seek prior permission of the Central Government before accepting any foreign contribution for having violated the provisions of the FCRA.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Harassment of north Cachar hill people

3436. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the innocent people of North Cachar hill district of Assam, are being harassed by the army and para-military forces in the name of operation of counter insurgency in the region;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any action plan to avoid the harassment of innocent general public by army and other forces in the course of operation in the area; and

(c) the details of the extremists nabbed by army and paramilitary forces in the aforesaid area for last one year and till date, group-wise and date-wise?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No information in regard to alleged harassment of innocent people of North Cachar Hill District is available.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Border dispute between NE States

3437. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the initiatives taken by Government to solve the border dispute problems among Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Meghalaya States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): The Government of India had convened a tripartite meeting on 16.7.1998 to resolve the boundary dispute between the States of Assam and Nagaland. The view taken in that meeting was that a Boundary Dispute Commission, whose recommendations would be final and binding, be appointed. However, this was not acceptable to the State Governments concerned.

As regards the boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya, the Government of India had decided to convene a tripartite meeting in March, 2000 with the officials of the State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya. However, the Government of Assam informed that there was no major boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya and that the problems arising here and there could be sorted out through mutual discussions between the two States at official or political level. The Government of Assam, therefore, requested the Government of India to cancel the proposed meeting.

Deterioration of internal security

3438. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether internal security of the country has been deteriorating of late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete measures taken to ensure that internal security, violence and anarchy are tackled efficiently and the details thereof?